

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, undated, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Oakland August 1883? My dearest Alec:

I was awfully sorry to leave you, but delighted to see my “Kinder” once more. I seem to have forgotten how nice they are. They are perfectly splendid now, I never saw them so well or handsome and altogether lovely. Helen is lovely too, I shouldn't mind having her for my baby! I wonder how you are enjoying Colonial Beach. It is hot here today, the only warm day I have experienced here since the 4th, July, and I shudder — no melt at the idea of the heat you must be enjoying just now. Wonder if you were up in time and if the boat and yacht were all right. There are so many “ifs” I doubt it.

I wrote to Mr. Moxley to stop the carpenters on the platform until your return, there was no use wasting another day over it. Please do attend to Miss Johnstone. The D. and D. problem is more important, maybe but this will not take as long and is as important to Miss Johnstone and me as the problem to you. Please do see to it. Oh dear I cannot stay here much longer, I am nervous and fidgety when I think of all that should be done about the house, and want to be close at hand.

In haste always yours, Mabel. Don't forget our house, I am fuming to hear of the family dictator approves.